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1. The heavy artillery of the Army of the Rumanian People's Republic (RPR) is organized as follows: one heavy artillery division, which is the general reserve of the artillery; the 13 Heavy Artillery Division; three independent heavy artillery regiments, each attached to one of the three army corps.
2. The 13 Heavy Artillery Division has its headquarters at Tecuci. It is under the RPR artillery command. It is composed of three regiments: the 5 Heavy Artillery Regiment, at Focsani; the 8 Heavy Artillery Regiment at Galati; the 11 Heavy Artillery Regiment at Tecuci, 1.5 kilometers east of the city. Each regiment is composed of two battalions of three batteries each. Each battery is composed of four guns, totaling 24 guns for the regiment.

3. The independent heavy artillery:

The 1 Heavy Artillery Regiment in Craiova is attached to the 1 Army Corps of Craiova; the 7 Heavy Artillery Regiment in Cluj is attached to the 2 Army Corps of Timisoara; the 2 Heavy Artillery Regiment in Bucharest is attached to the 3 Army Corps of Braila. Independent heavy artillery regiments are composed of three battalions. Each battalion has three batteries and each battery has four guns, totaling 36 guns for the regiment.

4. Equipment: All the regiments are provided with heavy guns of the improved 1942 Soviet type, 152 mm caliber, provided with a muzzle brake and a balance system.
5. Characteristics of the Guns: Theoretical range is 17 kilometers, but practical range is 14 kilometers; firing speed is two shots per minute; horizontal firing angle is approximately 78 degrees; firing unit¹ is approximately 100 projectiles; weight of projectiles, 25 kilograms; tires are of solid rubber; they have caterpillar traction; normal speed is 8 kilometers per hour; each piece is manned by nine men.

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1. Comment. In this instance firing unit means the maximum number of projectiles capable of being fired at the sustained rate of two shots per minute.

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